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SUBJECT: WRAP-UP OF LAST SESSION OF CONFERENCE OF TLATELOLCO.

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DEPARTMENT PASS TREASURY FOR HENNESSY

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS ALL ARA POSTS.

BEGIN SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA DELIVRED, NOT WITHOUT SOME DIFFICULTY, VERSION OF FINAL COMMUNIQUE AGREED ON BY THE SECRETARY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE. US WILL SERVE AS HOST TO INFORMAL FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING AS WELL AS TO OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH FOLLOWS IT IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE, MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SETTLED TO LABORIOUS PROCESS OF PRODUCING FINAL, IDENTICAL US AND SPANISH TEXTS. SPANISH TRANSLATION AS GIVEN TO US DELEGATION (HENNESSY, MCNEIL) TRACKED PERFECTLY WITH ENGLISH VERSION WITH EXCEPTION OF TWO SUBSTANTIVE TRANSLATION PROBLEMS, WHICH MEXICAN SECRETARIAT (TELLO) CORRECTED WITH ALACRITY. THERE WERE ALSO A COUPLE OF VERY MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGES.

2. PROCESS OF PERFECTING AND TYPING IDENTICAL SPANISH AND ENGLISH TEXTS TOOK US TO 9:30 PM, CAUSING CONSIDERABLE UNHAPPINESS
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AMONG ASSEMBLED MINISTERS WAITING FOR FINAL SESSION TO DISCUSS

COMMUNIQUE. TELLO WISELY RESISTED PRESSURE TO RELEASE TEXT PAGE BY PAGE WHICH WOULD HAVE LED TO AN INTERMINABLE DISCUSSION OF EVERY WORD AND AT 9:30 PM COMPLETE TEXTS WERE DELIVERED TO PLENARY.

3. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION BY FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO HAD BEEN LEFT OUT OF DRAFTING GROUP REGARDING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FINAL TEXT AND EARLIER, LENGTHY DOCUMENT WHICH RABASA HAD UNFORTUNATELY DELIVERED TO THE DELEGATES, RABASA CALLED RECESS AND THEN SUBSEQUENTLY STEAMROLLED THROUGH THE END OF THE MEETING. IN WINDING UP SESSION, RABASA WAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE HELP BY CALVANI OF VENEZUELA AND SAPENA PASTOR OF PARAGUAY WHO POINTED OUT RESPECTIVELY THAT DOCUMENT BY ITS VERY NATURE REPRESENTED A USEFUL COMPROMISE AND STEP FORWARD, AND THAT MEETING WAS ALREADY CLOSED.

4. RABASA WAS NOT ENTIRELY ADEPT IN HANDLING FINAL SESSION AND FACT THAT A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WERE LEFT OUT OF DRAFTING PROCESS HAS CREATED RESENTMENTS AGAINST MEXICO (AND PARTICULARLY RABASA) BUT THERE COULD BE NO DOUBT OF HIS INTENSE DESIRE TO CARRY OFF THE AGREEMENT WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. CHILEAN'S HAD OBJECTIONS ON TWO POINTS, THAT WITH RESPECT TO THE SECTION CALLING FOR SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING DISPUTES (WHICH THEY REPORTEDLY FELT MIGHT AFFECT THE BOLIVIAN DEMAND FOR ACCESS TO THE PACIFIC) AND ON THE SECTION CALLING FOR A "REVISION" OF THE INSTRUMENTS OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY, WHICH THEY WISHED TO CHANGE TO "AMPLIFY". WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMER, HENNESSY WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE THEM THAT THE PARAGRAPH DID NOT IN FACT GO BEYOND THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE OAS CHARTER. WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER, THEY WERE MORE OBSTINATE. THE PERUVIANS THEN STATED, BOTH PUBLICLY AND IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE US, THAT ANY SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN THE DOCUMENT WOULD REQUIRE PERUVIANS AND OTHERS TO ALSO ASK FOR CHANGES SINCE THEY LOOKED UPON THIS DOCUMENT AS AN INTEGRAL COMPROMISE WHICH COULD NOT BE SUBSTANTIVELY ALTERED WITHOUT RE-OPENING THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT. WE CONVERSED WITH THE CHILEANS PRIVATELY AND HELPED PREVAIL UPON THEM TO FINALLY ACCEPT, AS A GESTURE OF SOLIDARITY, THE DOCUMENT AGREED ON IN THE WORKING GROUP.

5. COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VAZQUEZ MADE KNOWN HIS DISPLEASURE WITH THE OMISSION OF A SECTION REFERRING TO THE TOKYO CONFIDENTIAL

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DECLARATION BUT DID NOT SEEK TO HAVE THE DOCUMENT ALTERED. INTERPRETING DIFFICULTIES ALSO CAUSED A LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION RAISED BY JAMAICAN MINISTER THOMPSON OVER THE ARRANGEMENTS AND THE DATE OF THE INFORMAL FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN ATLANTA ON APRIL 17 PRIOR TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE US IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED THAT IT WAS HAPPY TO SERVE AS HOST AND PROVIDE SECRETARIAT SERVICES, PROMPTING EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS FROM THE LATINS. IN ADDITION THE LATINS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT

THE US, (IN THE PERSON OF SECRETARY KISSINGER) WOULD, AS IS ALSO
THE CUSTOM FOR THE HOST COUNTRY, SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING.

6. SEPTTEL OUTLINING UNIVERSALLY FAVORABLE REACTIONS FOLLOWS.
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